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TOPIC Rangsdorf Airfield

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1. At a rally of the newly established Athletic and Technical Association held in September 1952, the speaker mentioned that Rangsdorf airfield would be loaned to the association for training in gliding and motored flying. Cottbus airfield, was, allegedly, already being used by the Germans. *

2. Between 4:30 and 5 p.m. on 29 September, source saw five single-engine planes which were painted blue. Four of the planes had blue propeller hubs, while the fifth had a red propeller hub and a red stripe around the engine cowling. There was no flying.

A biplane was observed in front of the hangars and two others in the Buecker hangar. Another biplane, which appeared to be new, was seen at the former aircraft plant. At 4:25 p.m., a biplane took off from the field.

3. On 29 September, there was little activity at the installation. The sledge-like wooden supports, on which aircraft engines were seen previously, were piled up on the west side of the former aircraft plant. On 1 October, 13 of whom were blue epaulets and the remainder red-bordered black epaulets, were seen in front of the aircraft plant. Three air force officers were observed in front of the hangars. The previously observed temporary test-stand between the Buecker hangar and the former aircraft plant was no longer there. **

4. On 29 September, a civilian truck hauled scrap from the airfield to freight cars. Five Soviet soldiers did the loading and unloading work. At 4:30 on 1 October, a single-engine plane had its compass adjusted in the northeastern corner of Rangsdorf airfield. The operation was completed at 4:50 p.m. *

* Comment. To date, no information has been received that airfields, except for strips serviceable for gliders, have been released for use by the Athletic and Technical Association.

** Comment. The observations reported by source make it appear possible that there will be a change in the occupation of Rangsdorf airfield.